

POCOCK DEFENDS WATER INCREASE

Commissioner Replies in Detail
to Charges of Candidate
C. R. Smith.

RATES ARE LOWER

Other Cities Pay More and Get
Impure Water. Is
Statement.

Philip Pocock, dean of the public utilities commission, and candidate for re-election to that body for his tenth consecutive term, replied in detail in an interview with The Advertiser to the statements and questions of Chas. R. Smith, candidate for the commission in the current election.

"We welcome such criticisms as Mr. Smith has made," remarked Mr. Pocock, "because the facts of the case speak for themselves and reveal the soundness of the commission's policy in all its departments."

"The policy of any successful business concern must be formulated by those in charge, and so it is with the commission, and if any man on the street can tell more about the business and how it should be run, as Mr. Smith pretends to be able to do, then the commission is not competent."

Mr. Smith complains of an increase of 23.12 per cent increase in water rates," pursued Mr. Pocock, "but as a matter of fact, the average domestic rate for water in 1925 is \$11.34 per annum, almost the average cost for the period 1873, when the waterworks system was first begun, until 1905."

"Our water rates are lower than numerous other cities, and we are supplying pure spring water, while other towns have to be satisfied with river or lake water. There is no commodity, other than electric light, that is being sold at the same price or less today than twenty years ago, and I consider the supplying of pure spring water in ample quantities to the people of London to be one of the commission's outstanding achievements."

Water Expenses.

"Mr. Smith criticizes the commission for spending \$125,000 for water meters," pursued Mr. Pocock, "but it was either a case of that or pay out a similar amount for more sources of water supply. The commission is saving the pumping of 1,000,000 gallons of water daily, and this saving is being used for conserving the pure spring water supply, will shortly pay for themselves."

"The policy of metering the water system in London is uniform with that of all the larger Canadian and American cities, because the unmetered system sets a premium on waste. It must be remembered, however, that the product, this pure spring water, does not cost anything, it does cost money to pump the water and to deliver it from the source of supply to the individual consumer here in the city. Experts have surveyed the whole situation, and they have come to the conclusion that metering is the fairest and best manner known to charge for the water or light used."

"Mr. Smith wants to know why American well-drilling firms are being employed in the digging of wells in East London, rather than Canadian firms," observed Mr. Pocock, "but here again the answer is simply to state the facts as they are. The Canadian firm, the Petrolia drillers, did not produce results. The American drillers drilled exactly the same site, King street and Highgate avenue, on which the Petrolia drillers had failed, and they produced a well of 250,000 gallons of water per day. No Canadian driller can drill gravel well wells of 18 inches in diameter, because they have not the proper equipment for that purpose."

"Moreover, the Layton-Howell Company, the American firm which is drilling wells for the commission at the present time, is the largest well-drilling firm in the world, and is drilling wells at Cochrane, Midland, Pictou and other Canadian cities. The company's contract calls for payment of the full amount if a well producing over 200,000 gallons of water a day is obtained, and only one-third of the amount if a well of less capacity per day is produced."

North Branch Exhausted.

"Mr. Smith declares that the north branch of the Thames is the best place to hunt for water," stated Mr. Pocock, "but the north branch of the river has been explored and reported upon by a number of engineers, and the total amount of water available would not be as great as that produced by two wells. It costs practically nothing to connect wells located in the city along the large mains, as a well in the east end, while it would cost \$50,000, to say nothing of the property which would have to be acquired, as well as collecting ponds, reservoirs, and pumping plant to establish a pipe line to bring the north branch spring water into the city."

"Mr. Smith protests against the service charge for electricity," concluded Mr. Pocock, "but this has been in force for over ten years, and the citizens appear perfectly satisfied with the manner of billing. These electric rates are laid down by the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario, and, if Mr. Smith is elected, he will not have any control over a change in these rates. Mr. Smith questions the right of the commission to have a service charge when a similar charge was declared illegal for the City Gas company. It might be stated, however, that services charges from publicly-owned institutions go to pay off the debt, whereas the City Gas company, the charges are collected, and the service charge for water is \$4, merely the interest on the investment of \$100, the actual cost of installing a water service."

Fate of Communists Riles Labor Leaders In Britain

MacDonald, Snowden, Henderson and Others Put Motion on
Order Paper Condemning the Government's Action—Declares
British Rights of Freedom of Speech Have Been Violated.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

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London, Nov. 25.—It is not the Communist party but the Labor party which suffers as a result of the trial, conviction and imprisonment of the twelve Communists sentenced yesterday, for it gains for the Communists sympathy of the working class and a moral authority they have never had before.

The feud between the Communists and a great majority of the Labor party was not a sham. It was sincere and exceedingly bitter, but every section of the Labor party renounces the imprisonment of the Communists as monstrous.

The following motion has been placed on the order paper of parliament in the names of Ramsay MacDonald, J. H. Thomas, Philip Snowden, Arthur Henderson, Tom Shaw and C. P. Trevelyan: "That the action of the government in initiating the prosecution against certain members of the Communist party is a violation of traditional British rights of freedom of speech and publications of opinion."

The motion states that these names are those of the extreme right wing of the Labor party, who have never received anything but vituperation from the Communists and who have never spoken of the Communists except to denounce them.

A similar motion has been handed in by the radical group of the Liberal party in the house of commons. Right Hon. John Wheatley, Labor M. P., says: "The judgment is a long step back towards the dark ages. I cannot escape the conviction that the hostile attitude and speeches at the Labor party conference at Liverpool, where the Communists were thrown to the wolves, are largely responsible for the proceedings and the result."

HINTS AT FURTHER ACTION.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Nov. 25.—The imprisonment of virtually the whole executive of the Communist organization here for sedi-

City Churches

GRACE UNITED Y. P. S.

Mr. Stanton, the president, presided at the regular meeting of the young people's society of Grace United church last night. Rev. G. W. Dewey led in prayer, and after the devotional period a social time was spent, when games were enjoyed and refreshments were served.

ST. PAUL G. F. S. The members of the girls' friendly society of St. Paul's cathedral held their regular meeting last night. Miss Matthews presided, and after the devotional exercises, after which time was spent in sewing and making Christmas gifts for the children at the hospital, the hall was decorated with lights and decorations were made to hold a shower on Dec. 9 for the Christmas baskets. At the close of the meeting a social half-hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

SOCIAL PROGRESSIVE CLUB.

Mrs. J. Black, Mornington avenue, entertained the members of the Social Progressive club of Latter Day Saints church yesterday at an afternoon tea. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. B. Richardson, who presided, assisted by Mrs. Bob Ridley, Mrs. Allgrove, who is leaving shortly for California, and a special guest, Mrs. T. B. Richardson, the president, presided over the business meeting, when arrangements were made for the bazaar to be held in December.

CHALMERS Y. W.

A missionary story-telling contest was a feature of the regular meeting of the young women's organized class of Chalmers Presbyterian church held this week. Mrs. C. F. Cress, Miss Margaret and Mrs. Webb were the judges and the Misses Florence Tilley, Albeana Duncan, Anita Foster and Alma Isaacs took part in the contest. Miss Foster won the first prize and Miss Isaacs the second prize. Little Jessie Duncan and Violet May contributed a duet. Miss Alice Duncan, Betty Pollock and Agnes Foster were enjoyed.

ROBINSON M. C.

The Robinson United church mission circle met last evening in the Sunday school room, with a large attendance, and Mrs. S. Moore, the president, presided. Mrs. Edwards led in prayer and Mrs. J. D. Omond gave the Bible reading and also a very interesting short talk on the text chosen. The members of the evening were Miss Elizabeth McKenzie, a returned missionary from the Portuguese colony in Africa, who represented the Congregation Union church, there. Miss McKenzie gave an inspiring address, telling of her field of labor and describing a heathen village, a Christian village and a mission station. Interesting curios from Africa were shown and described during the evening. A collection in aid of the rest fund was received.

UNITY CLASS BAZAAR.

The members of the Unity class of Empress avenue United Sunday school are holding a bazaar this evening in the Sunday school room. Mrs. R. G. Bowie, president of the class, is the general convener of the event.

ROBINSON GIRLS' TEA.

The heading on the account of the Oriental tea, presided by Mrs. W. Tanner's class, in the schoolroom of Robinson United church, should have been "Robinson Oriental Tea." The event took place on Tuesday evening.

ST. ANDREW'S PATHFINDERS.

The junior and senior Pathfinder groups met last night for supper in the room of St. Andrew's United church. Miss Charlotte Douglas was a special guest. A sing-song was held, after which the members gathered together in St. Andrew's hall, where Miss Betty Hammond took charge of the meeting. Miss Helen Hodgins gave the Bible reading, and led in prayer. After the devotional period the junior group held

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MACBRIEN LAUDS LONDON REGIMENT

National Defence Chief De-
clares R.C.R. Unit One
of Best He Has Seen.

BIG INSURANCE PLAN

"I consider myself chief of the largest and most important insurance company in Canada," declared Maj.-Gen. J. H. MacBrien, C.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., chief of staff of the Canadian military, naval and air forces of Canada, and one of our most distinguished soldiers. "I'm an agent for the John Bull Insurance Company. My company insures the safety and peace of this country, it allows business to proceed on its way without fear of war-time upheavals. It pays the way to prosperity and improvement to all a sense of security and protection." It was thus that General MacBrien characterized the forces of the department of national defence in an interview with The Advertiser today.

FORCES ARE EFFICIENT.

"I think that at the present time the permanent forces are at just as high a standard of efficiency as they have ever been. Of course, we must consider the fact that they have very little opportunity for field training, but in the departments of the military, naval and air forces, such as squad drill, the use of the rifle and theoretical work, they are splendidly trained. Take, for example, the R. C. R. of London here. One seldom sees a body of men better trained than that in squad manoeuvres, but they have had very little chance for field training. Incidentally the general staff of the local regiment was one of the best he had seen making up in efficiency what they lacked in numbers."

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MONTH IMPRISONMENT FOR THEFT OF BATTERY

Herbert Waring Sentenced by
Magistrate After Seven
Days' Remand.

Law makes no allowance for crazy notions, Herbert Waring learned in court this morning as he was sentenced to 21 days in jail on a theft charge. Mr. Graydon imposed the three-week term in view of the fact that Waring has been on remand for seven days, having pleaded guilty last week to stealing a storage battery from the motor car of a neighbor.

"Imprisonment of one month, I think, is sufficient penalty," said the court. "This man may have to face another charge in juvenile court when he serves the term," Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd declared. "Since his wife died some time ago he has neglected his children, and at the time of his arrest he was in the habit of having sufficient clothing to give protection against the cold. The boy is now in the children's hospital."

LIFE OF SIR ADAM BECK DRAWN IN BOOK FORM

Percy Graham of Toronto
Traces History of Late
Hydro Knight.

Sir Adam Beck, K.E., L.L.D., M.L.A., has been made the subject of a biographical sketch by Percy W. Graham, B.A., Toronto, and a former Londoner. The book, which has just been published, traces Sir Adam's life from boyhood days around Baden, down through the years of his great service to the public, to the time of his death just a few months ago.

BANK REPORT SHOWS BUSINESS IS BETTER

Bank of Montreal Proves In-
dustrial Life of Country
Is Expanding.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Nov. 25.—The Bank of Montreal has published its annual statement for the year ended Oct. 31, 1925. It indicates general trade improvement, showing larger demands for business expansion by increase in current loans.

Total assets now amount to \$756,147,786 as compared with \$718,194,797 at the close of the half-year period. Capital and rest accounts totalled at \$29,016,700, up from \$27,250,000.

A business meeting, when reports of the recent C. G. I. conference were given by the delegates, Misses Betty Hammond, Anna Hodgins and Helen Hodgins, the members decided to visit the Victoria Home next Wednesday and put on a concert for the residents. Plans were also made to send \$5 to Dr. Gushp Taylor in Formosa, and to give \$15 to the W. M. S. for the little Finnish girl attending school in New Liskeard.

Miss Irma McClurg presided at the meeting of the senior group, when gratifying reports of the musical held recently were given. The girls decided to send candy to the children in the McTavish Memorial hospital in Formosa for Christmas. Reports of the C. G. I. convention were given by the Misses Doris Rider, Barbara Fraser, Lorna Asplund and Irma McClurg.

NEW ST. JAMES' CHOR.

The choir of New St. James' Presbyterian church held their annual election of officers recently, when the following members were elected and installed in office by Rev. James Mackay, the pastor of the church. The officers include: Hon. president, Rev. J. Mackay; president, William Forbes (this is the seventh consecutive year that Mr. Forbes has had the presidency and he was again unanimously re-elected); vice-president, G. Scott; recording secretary, Miss Cecil McClurg; treasurer, Miss Betty Scott; and Mr. Mackay is the choir leader and organist, respectively. Plans were made to divide the choir into two teams, with Miss Elizabeth Kunz and Miss Pinkie King as the choir leader and organist, respectively. Plans were made to divide the choir into two teams, with Miss Elizabeth Kunz and Miss Pinkie King as the choir leader and organist, respectively. Plans were made to divide the choir into two teams, with Miss Elizabeth Kunz and Miss Pinkie King as the choir leader and organist, respectively.

Farm of Former Aviator Again Reveals Goods Thought Stolen

Special to The Advertiser by Staff Correspondent. Sarnia, Nov. 25.—Provincial Officers W. A. Scott and F. S. Elliott made another visit Tuesday to the home of Angus Norwood, Enniskillen farmer and former war pilot, now awaiting trial here on nine charges of having stolen goods in his possession, and they returned to the city with another quantity of goods which, it is alleged, were stolen from summer cottages in this district.

BLAMES EVIL COMPANIONS FOR THEFT OF SWEATER

Evil companionship was blamed by George McCullough, 18 years old, as the cause of his attempted theft of a sweater from a local haberdashery last week. The boy appeared in court this morning for sentence.

"I'm sorry for what I've done. It was on the spur of the moment," he told Magistrate Graydon.

Upon McCullough's assurance that he would go to work and earn a living Mr. Graydon bailed him for a month in the father's custody.

London Babe First In Canada To Have Name Given By Radio

To Rose Marie Lombardo belongs the distinction of being the first baby in London, if not in Canada, to be named by radio. Rose Marie arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lombardo, Horton street, last Sunday.

HERRIOT UNABLE TO RULE FRANCE

Fails To Form Government and
Senator Sarraut Is
Summoned.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Nov. 25.—Former Premier Herriot today informed President Doumergue that he definitely declined to form a cabinet.

MAY PROBE NARROW ESCAPE OF 28 IN BUS

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Oscar Cornish, 174 East street, witnesses were Frank Cake, foreman, and William Watson switchman.

The bus was one of the largest owned by the Metropolitan Bus Company, and had been a year's service. C. C. Kamm, owner of the company, notified last night of the accident, is expected to be expected in the way of immediate tariff changes.

There were three points upon which the E. A. members felt that they could seek to co-operate with Premier King and the Liberal party with some hope of success. These were: the introduction of the single transferable vote, and the transference of control of natural resources to the provincial governments, a move which would place the right to develop the Spray Lakes power project under the control of the Alberta government.

ALBERTA FARMERS GO TO KING FIND MEIGHEN IS IMPOSSIBLE

Declare Co-operation With the
Conservative Leader Is Out
of the Question.

PREPARE PLATFORM

Canadian Press Despatch. Calgary, Nov. 25.—The basis upon which the farmer members from Alberta could co-operate with the Liberal government was discussed at a conference of the newly-elected U. F. A. federal members of parliament held in Calgary yesterday.

Robert Gardiner, member for Acadia, was appointed by the gathering to present the views of the Alberta members to Premier King. J. E. Brownlee, the new premier of Alberta, was present at the conference during the afternoon, and a conference was arranged between the Alberta cabinet and the Progressive federal members, to be held in Edmonton on Monday or Tuesday next. The object of this conference will be the establishment of a co-operative understanding between the federal members and the provincial governments, so that they may work for the mutual good of the farmer interests in the country.

TWO DAUGHTERS SHOT BY FATHER

Associated Press Despatch. Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Philip di Vincentio, furniture worker, shot two of his daughters while they were sleeping yesterday, Bridget, 22 years of age, and Inflicting a head wound on Maria, aged 14. Another daughter, Rose, aged 20, jumped out of the same bed and wrested the pistol from her father.

KING STREET BRIDGE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Plates Where Erosion Occurred
Being Reinforced by City
Workmen.

King street bridge has been closed for repairs, and will not be open for traffic for the balance of the week. Contrary to rumor, Ald. Bottrill did not close the bridge. It was done in the ordinary way, by the city engineer.

"We are reinforcing some of the plates where corrosion has entered," explained the engineer this morning. "One of the brackets under the sidewalk. One of the floor beams has been bent from overloading and it is being straightened out."

"The bridge is not dangerous in any way, but we are just making repairs at the proper time."

The London Bridge Company is making the repairs under the supervision of J. R. Roston in charge of bridge work, under the city engineer.

THIRTEEN ACTIONS FOR TRIAL

There will be seven jury and six non-jury civil actions to be tried before Judge Talbot Macbeth in the county court. The county court will open on Dec. 1, at 1 o'clock.

B'NAI B'RITH ORDER PLANS INSTALLATION

Grand Lodge Officers From
New York To Be Present
For Event.

A special meeting of the Independent order of B'nei B'rith was held last evening in the chamber of commerce. The plans for the installation of the newly-elected officers which will take place Jan. 13, were discussed. The installation will be one of the outstanding events of the order, as B. F. Aussenier, president of district grand lodge No. 1, of New York, along with Charles Hartman, who is on the executive committee of the order, and M. Levy, secretary. A large banquet is being planned and a royal welcome will be extended to the visitors.

Mysterious Gift To Restore Ship

Anonymous British Patriot
Gives \$45,000 To Save
Old Warship.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Nov. 25.—An anonymous donor has sent Earl Beatty, admiral of the fleet, £15,000 towards the fund for the restoration of the Implacable, one of the warships in the battle of Trafalgar. Up to the receipt of the £15,000 the contributions to the proposed £25,000 had been arriving slowly, only £2,000 having been collected.

HAS GUN CONFISCATED FOR SHOOTING SQUIRRELS

William Scott, No. 2 Murdoch avenue, was fined \$10 and costs and had his gun confiscated this morning by Col. Emmerton, J.P., after pleading guilty to a charge of shooting gray squirrels out of season. His companion, Albert Keary, was released with a warning.

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HERRIOT IS DESERTED

Both Socialists and Fascists
Stand as Threats in Gov-
ernmental Crisis.

HERRIOT IS DESERTED

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Nov. 25.—France's ministerial crisis today entered its fifth day and the solution, rendered more difficult by the decision of the Socialist party caucus this morning to refrain from entering a ministry headed by Premier Herriot, appears to be no nearer than when M. Painleve resigned on Sunday. The protracted cabinet crisis has intensified the rumors of an impending coup d'etat, which have been floating over Paris since the fall of M. Painleve's previous ministry in the latter part of October.

The organs of the parties of the right are accusing the Socialists of preparing to take power by force, while the left parties contend that such a danger comes from the Fascist organization. While everyone is openly discussing the possibility of a coup d'etat there is no tangible development among either the right or the left groups, and the two strokes of force is imminent. However, experts on the internal political affairs of France agree that the country is evolving toward a situation which would make a coup d'etat possible, and in many quarters welcome, and the man in the street constantly refers to such a development as inevitable, with a tendency to regard it as a relief from the present muddled parliamentary situation.

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